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OF A TUBE THEN FLATTENING THE TUBE

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Sir:

The present paper accompanies the filing of an application, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/978,451, filed October 17, 2001. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, Applicants submit the attached PTO 1449, which lists references cited in the parent application U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/978,451, for consideration by the Examiner. Applicants request that the cited references be made of record in the above-referenced application.

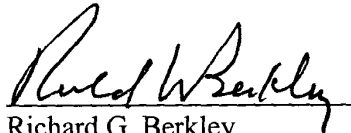
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Respectfully submitted,

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